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CRACKING THE WHIP.

WITHOUT desiring to inject politics into the war situation, it is worthy of mention that President Wilson has to fall back on the Republican minority to carry through his draft measure. The south is solidly opposed to the compulsory system and in favor of the volunteer service, which means nothing as a method of filling the ranks of an army of one million strong. The experience of the past has demonstrated that the average citizen is not going to tender his services to the nation when he witnesses thousands of others hiding behind the petticoats of conjugal life, and the rich waiting for the last call. There is only one way to attend to this military exaction and that is to make the burden fall on rich and poor alike without any discrimination. When it is realized that everybody has to do his bit for his country there will be no hanging back in the trenches and the work of the recruiting officer will be greatly simplified. Mr. Wilson has exhausted every argument with his party following and all to no avail, as the leading Democrats are a unit on letting the volunteer system prove itself deficient before they vote for compulsory service. By the time the deficiency is proven the enemy may be on our shores or on our coast bombarding the principal cities. The first shot fired at an American city would result in a greater depreciation of securities than would be represented by three months actual war. The men of the north and east and the men of the Pacific coast appreciate this, but the men of the south appear solidly arrayed against any movement that would remove the personal equation from the enrollment. In face of the attitude of his own party the president has appealed to the minority by summoning Minority Leader Mann and Representative Lenroot to aid in defeating the obstructive tactics of the Democrats. One proposition that meets with favor, if the draft is approved, is that selective conscription be applied progressively in four classes, according to age, 21 to 27, 28 to 34, 35 to 41 and 42 to 48. Another proposal was that of the 724,000 men needed to raise the regular army and national guard to war strength, 500,000 be allowed to volunteer as individuals and 224,000 as units after which conscription be invoked to procure the first force of 500,000 universal service men. Representative Kahn, of California, has been chosen as ranking Republican member of the military committee to aid the administration. He is in strict accord with President Wilson and will not hesitate to exert his influence to bring in a unanimous report, for, as he says, the country would be at a great disadvantage if the world were informed that the military affairs committee were divided on the first military step of the war.

The cabinet has backed the president solidly and the intimation comes from the White House with positive directness that should the house committee delay favorable action, the members who have been blocking conscription in this crisis would be called to open account by the president in a public statement. The effect of such an arraignment would sting the recalcitrants into complying with the presidential policy which is nothing more than the recommendations of the war college as developed from experience and from the voluntary testimony of the men who were led into joining the army for border patrol duty. These men went forth as patriotic sons of America and came back to find their positions occupied by shirkers who refused to do their duty. A similar experience will be entailed by the volunteer system. The patriot will be found in the van while the skulker and the mercenary who think only in dollars and cents will be permitted to stay at home.

SHIVERING SPRING.

NEVADA is no exception to the rule of weather which has marked this season as one of abnormal cold, for reports from every section of the United States and Canada agree that such weather has seldom been experienced. In Great Britain where spring usually crowds the summer close to Easter, the weather conditions are far worse than anything found on this continent. As late as the first of April frost and snow were reported from one end of England to the other. The highest thermometer reading was at South Kensington, where the mercury stood at 40 and the lowest 30 degrees, or 2 degrees below freezing point while the thermometer on the grass registered 6 degrees of frost. A fierce blizzard of rain and snow raged in the Sheffield district. The streets were thick with snow and in the outlying districts snow formed drifts three feet deep, a thing unknown on that date for 20 years. In the Peak district snow fell incessantly for three days and nights and snow plows were used to clear country roads, on which the snow was deposited one foot deep. In Yorkshire drifts two feet deep were reported and snow plows were required to open traffic. Severe weather prevailed in Warwickshire where, following a heavy fall of snow, a severe frost set in. In North Wales snow covered the ground to a considerable depth and agricultural operations were suspended. Tillage operations in the Midlands and the west of Ireland were retarded considerably by the weather, which is the coldest experienced at this season for many years.

With such a blue outlook it is not astonishing that the food control authorities should enforce drastic regulations, especially since it is established that the stock of potatoes in all England would not work out more than eight and one half pounds per capita and that must last until the new crop comes in which not be for three months or more at the best. Meatless and potatoless days are part of the regimen ordained by the food authorities. Some of the orders appear frivolous to the American observer since a recent copy of the London Times contains an article written by a well-known medical man in which he gravely states that three meals a day are sufficient for any healthy person and that the habit of taking five meals a day can readily be overcome. Other suggestions are that bread at home should not be sliced for two days after baking and that bread and cake should be cut on the table, according to the immediate needs of the family. Sugar rations have been cut down to half a pound per head a week and grocers selling more than a

fortnight's supply to a customer is confronted by the penalty of imprisonment.

The tomato-packers have issued their price lists for next year's crop at an average advance of 95 cents per case of 24 cans, providing the cans can be had. This brings the problem before the consumer of can what you can and eat what you can't.

"Bring Back My Bunny to Me," may become the successor to a popular anthem.

FIRST LOAN GOES TO GREAT BRITAIN

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—The first American loans to the allied nations will go to Great Britain. The amount and other details probably will be made public by Secretary McAdoo within a few days. Whatever the sum, the amount will be available out of the proceeds of the \$5,000,000,000 bond issue soon to be offered to the public, of which \$3,000,000,000 will be lent to the allies.

Announcement to this effect was made at the treasury department, after a day crowded with conferences between Secretary McAdoo and federal reserve board officials and American bankers and bond dealers and official representatives of Great Britain and France.

Another development was the announcement that the size of the first issue of bonds authorized under the \$7,000,000,000 war finance measure will depend largely upon the immediate needs of the allies. Reports as to this have yet to be received in detail.

The entire \$5,000,000,000 of author-

ized bonds will not be offered in one lump sum, according to present tentative plans, but probably will be called for in several installments of issues. By this course it is believed that financial disturbances which might result were the country called upon to absorb the whole issue, will be averted.

In reaching the decision to make the first loan to Great Britain officials have been influenced by the fact that Great Britain as banker for the allies prior to America's entrance into the war, has met the heaviest financial strain imposed upon any of the entente governments.

In making the loan the United States will accept British bonds bearing 3½ per cent interest as securities. The interest payments on them—at a rate considerably lower than that which may be necessary to pay for recent borrowings, will advance the payments to holders of the American bonds.

A similar course will be followed in making loans to other allied nations.

EXPLOSION AT ELY REMAINS MYSTERY

The recent explosion at Ely remains a mystery as to the cause. The facts of the accident have not received much attention and the following report from the Ely Record will be read with interest by all men handling explosives:

"Five men were injured, two of them seriously, in a premature explosion which occurred in the Eureka pit of the Nevada Consolidated Copper company at Copper Flat last Tuesday morning about 10:30. E. N. Harris, head powder man, and one Italian helper, were badly lacerated about the head and face by flying rocks. The others were not seriously hurt. Harris' nose was broken and there are some fears as to injuries to his eyesight.

"The men were engaged in loading a churn drill hole 110 feet in depth. The hole was the last of a series of seven. When the explosion occurred, the charges in four of the holes already loaded were exploded by the concussion. Had the holes not been so deep, a repetition of the catastrophe which occurred several years ago in which nine men lost their lives would probably have occurred.

"The cause of the explosion is a mystery. The holes were perfectly cold, having been 'sprung' and prepared for the charges a week before. There were no caps or other explosive material in the neighborhood. The ground where the holes were sunk is more or less broken up and uncertain in its character, and the theory has been advanced, which appears plausible, that there was a movement of the ground at depth and the charge was exploded by the resulting pressure. A large amount of dynamite which was piled up on the ground not far from the scene of the accident, failed to go off. Had it done so, a frightful explosion with great loss of life would have occurred."

NATIONAL LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.)
 ST. LOUIS, April 24.—Cooper allowed only three hits yesterday and Pittsburgh shut out St. Louis 2 to 0. Cooper received perfect support, which offset his wildness in giving six bases on balls.

(By Associated Press.)
 CINCINNATI, April 24.—Cincinnati won a slugfest match from Chicago yesterday 10 to 9. Cuetto made a home run with two bases in the sixth. Prendergast sustained an injured finger, when he attempted to stop Wingo's drive in the fifth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

(By Associated Press.)
 BOSTON, April 24.—New York batsmen fell upon Foster, Boston's relief pitcher in the ninth yesterday scoring three runs to win by 9 to 6. Fellow townsmen of Manager Barry came here from Worcester to assist in celebrating "Barry Day."

(By Associated Press.)
 WASHINGTON, D. C., April 24.—After taking the lead in the eighth, Washington was defeated by Philadelphia yesterday as a result of errors, 4 to 3. Bush allowed only three hits and struck out seven.

JAPANESE COLONY HELPS THE RED CROSS SOCIETY
 STOCKTON, April 24.—In a mam-

NEVADA CON. MAKES BULLION TAX REPORT

The bullion tax report of the Nevada Consolidated Copper company for the quarter ending March 31, was filed recently with County Assessor J. F. Miles, says the Ely Record. The report shows a falling off from that of the previous quarter which is accounted for by the extremely adverse weather conditions during January and February and the shortage of coal. The report makes a wonderful showing, however the net returns being considerably over a million dollars a month. Following are the figures in detail:

Tons ore milled	953,214
Value per ton	\$6.877
Total gross yield	\$6,554,950.51

Deductions:	
Cost management	\$ 42,799.69
Cost mining acct.	857,329.50
Cost transportation	252,224.20
Cost ore reduction	1,790,720.85
Total deductions	2,943,774.24
Net proceeds	3,611,176.27
80 pct. of net on which tax is figured	2,888,941.02
Amt. bullion tax at 1.4935	43,146.33
Expenses during quarter for plant construction	210,421.61

While the net returns for this quarter are less than those of last quarter, the amount of the bullion tax is considerably higher, the state and county rate for this year being advanced to \$1.4935 against \$1.213 for last year. The principal advance is a heavy state tax for road purposes which the last legislature was obliged to levy in order to get the benefit of the federal road funds, the state being obliged to put up dollar for dollar with the national government.

moth membership campaign for the San Joaquin branch of the Red Cross Society, the Japanese colony assures the leaders that by next Saturday the Japanese will take out 1500 memberships and subscribing at least \$3000.

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For Associated Press news read the Bonanza.

KHAN OF KHIVA FAVORS POPULAR GOVERNMENT

(By Associated Press.)
 LONDON, April 24.—In response to a popular demand, the Khan of Khiva will grant a constitution to his people on broad democratic lines.

Khiva is situated in Central Asia, occupying part of the delta of the Amu river northeast of the Persian frontier. The khan is a vassal to Russia.

(By Associated Press.)
 BOSTON, April 24.—The insurance club fund of the Episcopal church, for which \$5,000,000 was sought originally, has passed \$7,500,000, Bishop William Lawrence announces.

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